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SUBJ: U.S. BUSINESS DELEGATIONS

REF BANGUI 0204 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS FURTHER INFO ON VISITING U.S. BUSINESS DELEGATIONS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. WASHINGTON OF CURRY-WASHINGTON, LIMITED, SIGNED ACCORD MARCH 13 WITH GOCAR GIVING LATTER'S GO-AHEAD FOR SEVERAL POSSIBLE PROJECTS. PROJECTS INCLUDE SOFT DRINK BOTTLING PLANT, NEW HOTEL, CEMENT FACTORY, SMALL VEHICLE ASSEMBLY PLANT, AND PREFAB HOUSING FACTORY. ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON, HE PLANS TO SEEK PRIVATE FINANCING FIRST FOR MOST OR ALL OF THESE. HE DEPARTED BANGUI MARCH 22.

3. CHARLES WILLIS OF GREAT ALASKA CORP. IS STILL IN BANGUI. HIS MAIN PROJECT INVOLVES SALE TO CAR OF 8 U.S. AIRCRAFT (7 CONVAIRS, 1 C-130 CARGO PLANE), WITH CAR THEN SETTING UP OWN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE UNDER INITIAL GREAT ALASKA MANAGEMENT. ACCORDING TO WILLIS, NEW AIRLINE WOULD HAVE ROUTES BETWEEN BANGUI AND BOTH

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U.S. AND EUROPE AND WOULD ALSO SERVE SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN

COUNTRIES. CAR WOULD APPARENTLY WITHDRAW FROM AIR AFRIQUE.
FINANCING NOT YET CLEAR, BUT WILLIS HAS MENTIONED EXIMBANK AS
ONE POSSIBILITY.

4. ANOTHER POSSIBLE PROJECT WILLIS HAS IN MIND IS SALE OF
HOVERCRAFT TO CAR TO HELP ALLEVIATE LATTER'S RIVE TRANSPORT
PROBLEM.

5. WILLIS HAS NOT YET SIGNED ANYTHING WITH GOCAR. HE STATES
HE IS AWAITING PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S EXPECTED RETURN FROM FRANCE
LATER THIS WEEK FOR FINAL SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT.

6. NO ADDITIONAL INFO ON FIRST MARYLAND DEVELOPMENT CORP.
ACTIVITIES NOTED REFTTEL.
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